**Millennials: Politics & the Economy**

## It is a new decade and already things have started to change, some for the better. Millennials have the recognition that they can “be the change.” In last year’s election, for President Obama, this generation voted for Obama by a 34-point margin. Millennials only voted for Kerry at a 9-point margin. The millennial Generation will have a drastic impact on elections, political issues, for the coming years. It is said that each year the population of this group will increase by about four million. This increasing number will grow to have about 90 million qualified voters which will make up about 40 percent of the eligible voters in America (New Progressive America: The Millennial Generation; David Madland, Ruy Teixeira).

## Millennials have been raised in a country that has high opinions on politics. They have to form their own opinions and have an open mind on some topics within politics but they all generally have similar beliefs. This group is the opinion that could force change upon America and various places around the world (New Progressive America: The Millennial Generation; David Madland, Ruy Teixeira).

## Millennials feel that to help the economy the country needs to have a stronger government, be more willing to help those in needs, and also supply more services. They don’t feel that the whole problem with the economy revolves solely around the government. However, they do feel that the government should adjust business so that it is in the best interest of the consumer. They are worried mainly on the fact that the government will not look at the best interest towards the consumer and their protection, like they should (New Progressive America: The Millennial Generation; David Madland, Ruy Teixeira).

# Millennials hold a high level of importance towards healthcare. They have had more support towards this topic than any other previous generation. About 87% of this generation believes that more money should be spent on healthcare no matter if tax prices have to be raised (The Progressive Generation: What Millennials Think About the Economy; Mike Connery).

Ninety-five percent of millennials believe that Education funding should also be increased, causing an increase in taxes. This rate is the highest ever recorded for the importance of education. Sixty-one percent of this generation believes that more services should be offered, displaying the most support ever recorded toward this issue (The Progressive Generation: What Millennials Think About the Economy; Mike Connery).